

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Serviceberry
Amelanchier arborea

The serviceberry is a native to central and eastern United States and is found mostly in woods and thickets with moist soil. The leaves are ovate to obovate and about three inches long. The leaves are finely toothed and turn to orange or red in the fall. The serviceberry tree grows to 40 feet in height, and is broadly spreading in shape. The white flowers appear in spring before the leaves are fully open. The fruit is round, sweet, and edible. The serviceberry is also known as downy serviceberry or shadblow.

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Natural Resources

I hope everyone had a wonderful Arbor Month! Now that the trees have been planted, it is important to take time to think about their care. Watering newly planted trees for the first three years is crucial to their development. Given our dry winter, we need to use water wisely, but watering young trees will help them to mature. And since trees save water and control runoff, a little water now will pay off in the long run. If you have any questions on proper watering techniques, or any handy water saving tips, please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733. We will run water saving tips throughout the summer. -Sarah

2000 Community Forestry Assistance Grants Awarded

The Urban and Community Forestry Program, the Washington Community Forestry Council, and the USDA Forest Service are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2001 Community Forestry Assistance Grants. This year 62 applications were received, with a total requested amount of nearly \$500,000. With very diverse projects submitted, the selection committee had a tough job, but finally agreed to fund 16 projects. The total amount awarded was nearly \$120,000. All of the projects which will receive funding are listed below with the project title. If you would like more information on the 2001 Community Forestry Assistance Grants, please call the TreeLink Hotline.

Big Bend RC&D
City of Bothell
City of Entiat
Friends of Trees
Pacific Northwest Chapter ISA
City of Kennewick
King County Parks System
LaCrosse Public Schools
Town of Odessa
City of Richland
City of Snohomish
Spokane Audubon Society
City of Tumwater
City of Walla Walla
City of Wenatchee
Lewis & Clark Middle School (Yakima)

Washtucna Synder Park Tree Planting
Community Forest Inventory/Education
Entiat River Trail Project
Vancouver Neighborhood Demonstration
Urban Forestry Information Centers
Highland Grange Park Tree Planting
Porter/Hatchery Riparian Enhancement
Environmental Tree Improvement
Community Park Tree Revitalization
Marjorie Sutch Greenway Tree Planting
Plan and Plant, Phase One
Moran Prairie Trees Project
Tumwater Comprehensive Street Tree Plan
Power Line/Tree Conflict Resolution
Neighborhood Master Plan/Tree Planting
Lewis & Clark Urban Forestry Project

Healthy Roots Make Healthy Trees

Are you wondering which roots you can safely cut during that sidewalk excavation? Or how about the latest techniques in root problem diagnosis? This seminar will focus on roots, soil, and related issues such as fertilization. Dr. Tom Smiley of Bartlett Research Laboratories will be the featured speaker for this class that looks at the part of the tree we don't see - the roots. Dr. Smiley will discuss root cutting, root crown excavation, and diagnosis of root related problems. Peter Andreucci of Bartlett's West Coast office will discuss some of the basics of contracting root related diagnostic services. This will be an interesting program featuring some of the latest research and practical applications of tree root information. The course will be held on Thursday, June 7, at the World Forestry Center in Portland, Oregon, and repeated on Friday, June 8, in Mt. Vernon, Washington. For more information please contact the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (PNW-ISA) at (503) 874-8263.

Urban Initiative Grants Wrapping Up

As you may remember, the Urban and Community Forestry Program awarded three Urban Initiative Grants just over a year ago. The \$30,000 grants were awarded to Olympia, Seattle and Yakima, and all three projects are nearing completion. The City of Olympia has installed structural soil in a planting downtown, and will compare the performance of the trees to ones planted in compacted soils at the same time. Seattle has submitted the final draft of their Urban Forest Strategic plan and are excited to move on to the next step - implementation. And finally, the Yakima Area Arboretum is finishing and installing the interpretive display in the Jewett Interpretive Center. They are planning to have the ribbon cutting on June 9, 2001. If you would like more information on any of these projects, please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

In the works (continued)

"The time is always ripe to do right."
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Water Conservation Tip: Water your landscapes early in the morning or late evening to avoid evaporation and to take advantage of off-peak rates.

TRIVIA: How many Washington communities received the Tree City USA award for 2000?

(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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Day in the Greenway

Join volunteers on Saturday, June 9, 2001, to learn more about the Mountains to Sound Greenway. Volunteers will pot seedlings, repair hiking trails, remove invasive plants, and participate in other projects. Projects will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by a picnic at Lake Sammamish State Park. Puget Sound Energy, with assistance from EarthCorps, Washington State Parks, King County Parks, and the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, sponsors Day in the Greenway. For more information about this or other on-going volunteer opportunities, contact Kelly Kirkland at volunteer@mtsgreenway.org or visit their website at www.mtsgreenway.org.

Stream and Wetland Ecology Basic Training

The Adopt-a-Stream Foundation is holding a workshop for real estate agents, streamside property owners, and others interested in understanding stream and wetland ecology on Thursday, May 31, 2001. The workshop will take place from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Adopt-a-Stream Foundation headquarters in Everett. Admission will be \$75. This course can be taken for real estate license clock hours or teacher clock hours through WSTA. The course fee includes two textbooks, *Adopting a Stream: A Northwest Handbook* and *Adopting a Wetland: A Northwest Guide*, and morning refreshments. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring a sack lunch. For more information or registration materials, please contact Sue Minger at (425) 316-8592.

2001: A Tree Odyssey

The 22nd Annual PNW-ISA Training Conference is coming soon! Mark your calendars now for the annual conference...a great program, good food, old friends...an event you won't want to miss. The conference is September 23-26, at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort in British Columbia, about 1.5 hours east of Vancouver and 3 hours northeast of Seattle. Featured speakers include Dr. Claus Mattheck; Dr. Kim Coder of the University of Georgia; Brian Minter, BC TV gardening personality; and Dr. Ed Gilman of the University of Florida. Look for more information in the next issue of "Pacific Northwest Trees." For more information, contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 or by email at info@pnwisa.org.

Plant it Right: Restoring our Streams. A 17-minute video and handout by Puget Sound Water Quality Team and the Washington State University cooperative extension are available for loan from the U&CF program. They contain information on how to plant different types of materials, proper hole preparation, maintenance, tool safety and streamside etiquette. Call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE. The information is also available in a downloadable format at <http://wawater.wsu.edu>.

May

1-3 Urban Wildlife Management National Conference. Nebraska City, Nebraska. Contact the National Arbor Day Foundation for more information at 1-888-448-7337.

2 Introduction to Hazard Tree Evaluation, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Contact PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 for more information.

16 Managing Trees and Riparian Areas, Vancouver, BC. Contact PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.

June

7 Healthy Roots Make Healthy Trees, Portland. Contact PNW-ISA for information.

8 Healthy Roots Make Healthy Trees, Mount Vernon. Contact PNW-ISA for details.

20 Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting, Swinomish Tribal Community. Call the TreeLink Hotline for details.

22 Certified Arborist Exam, Seattle. Register by June 6, 2001. Call PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.

July

21 PNW-ISA Tree Climbing Competition, Seattle. Call (509) 874-8263 for details.